

to have a fighting force of 1,500 with which they believe they can successfully withstand any attack.

Hard Fighting Expected.
The hardest fighting which the Mexican rebels have afforded to date is expected to take place almost from hour to hour in Agua Prieta.

The first rebel reinforcements to arrive—100 mounted men—reached here this afternoon. They were led by Beltrán, one of the best known leaders of the insurgents in Sonora. He has brought his force in hot haste from the Sierra Madre Mountains to lend all possible aid to hold Agua Prieta. Included in the command is a small band of Yaqui Indians.

The arrival of Garcia's command, riding at top speed across the plains and raising great clouds of dust, together with the firing of shots by a detachment of rebel scouts sent out to intercept them, led to the belief that the expected attack by the Federals was on. Both Agua Prieta and Douglas were thrown into a fever of excitement. In Agua Prieta the rebels made ready to resist an attack, and in Douglas the citizens remembered the disastrous occurrences of yesterday, sought places of safety.

The apprehension was lessened a little by the knowledge that the approaching band were rebel reinforcements. Beltrán, led by Antonio Garcia, Juan Cabral and Juan Gandarria, are marching northward, and are expected to arrive in Agua Prieta within a day or two.

Several Federal forces are scattered throughout the country south of Agua Prieta and are making a cautious operation against the town, included in these are the commands of Colonel Ojeda, Commandante Barron, Prefect Chiapa and Lieutenant Colonel Diaz. The headquarters of these troops have been in Cananea, but for the last five days they have been in the field in operations against the rebels. Cananea dispatches give the total of these forces at 1,400 men.

All Saloons Closed.
Aside from the evidence of anxiety and expectancy, the rebels are conducting themselves quietly here, and up to tonight none of them has crossed the line into Douglas. All the saloons were closed by order of the rebel commander.

Lopez, it is claimed, had a private grievance against P. P. Mendoza, a leading merchant here, and to-day his story was confirmed by the rebels. Mendoza himself died yesterday to the United States side.

Late this afternoon Lopez brought his fifty horses from Cananea. The rebels have a temporary supply of food and hay for their mounts, which they say they can rapidly move from the ranches to the south. The Nacozari Railroad will be used for this transportation. The possession of this railroad from Agua Prieta to Nacozari is of advantage to the rebels. On the other hand, the possession of the railroad and the closing of the port of Douglas is a serious blow to the great mining interests of this section of Sonora.

Until the port is opened and the rebel forces in Agua Prieta either routed from their position or organized as belligerents by the United States, the heavy shipment of ores for the El Paso and Douglas smelters must cease. This fact alone is expected to aid in the opening of the port in Douglas. If the rebels succeed in accomplishing ingress and egress to Agua Prieta and Douglas, they will have accomplished a victory for their cause. It will enable them to bring practically unlimited supplies and ammunition into Mexico. The matter is in the hands of the Treasury Department in Washington.

The shipment of ores from one of the Phelps-Dodge properties alone amounted to 320 cars a month. This is but a portion of the large total shipment by other mines in Sonora, owned principally by United States capitalists.

No Fear for Safety.
Many United States mining men are at their properties, but no fear is felt for their safety. Late this afternoon an automobile departed in an automobile for Nacozari to inform Americans in Sonora of the capture of Agua Prieta and of the closing of the port of Douglas. This messenger, carried with him a pass from "Red" Lopez to insure him safe transportation through the country.

His Menace Reports.
Mexico City, April 14.—Neither the War Department nor the Department of Foreign Relations received any of the most meagre reports regarding the battle at Agua Prieta to-day. The reports to the foreign office were sent by the Mexican consul at Douglas, but

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were so unsatisfactory that Minister De la Barra instructed him to amplify them and also instructed the consul at Naco to go to Douglas to assist the consular representative there in his investigation.

The account of the battle received at the War Department contained little more than the information that the town had been attacked by a superior number of rebels, and that the Federals, after making all resistance possible, had surrendered.

No representation has yet been made by the State Department at Washington to the foreign office concerning the firing across the international boundary, and the resultant loss of life. That such representation may be made is not considered improbable, but it is likely the Mexican government will protest regarding the part played in the battle by Captain Diaz, who crossed the boundary, thus technically invading Mexico. Minister De la Barra conferred with both President Diaz and War Minister Coello regarding the battle, and to-night in official circles no great concern is evinced in the incident, as it relates to the progress of the war, but it has great interest, however, in view of the international complications which may grow out of it.

Military men regard the taking of Agua Prieta as a rebel mistake. By them it is pointed out that "Red" Lopez and his men have placed the insurgents in a predicament. To hold the town it will be necessary for them to permit the occupation of the town by the rebels. Already one force is approaching Agua Prieta, and unless Lopez is able to get reinforcements he must either abandon the place or resist odds, which the War Department believes will be overwhelming.

It is believed here the taking of Agua Prieta will stimulate the energies of the rebels, and that it will gain for them hundreds and perhaps thousands of recruits, even should he be forced to abandon the place.

San Antonio, Tex., April 14.—Francisco Madero, father of the insurrection, accompanied by his son, Alfonso Madero, and Rafael Hernandez left this morning for Eagle Pass, where they will cross the border and board a special car to take them to Chihuahua City. At that place they

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DR. DAVID JAYNE HILL.

will meet the insurrecto leader and discuss peace terms. Hernandez, who accompanies the party, will, in a semi-official way, represent the Mexican government.

Although Alfonso Madero goes in an unofficial capacity to represent the insurrecto following in the United States, it is known that he carries with him an emphatic demand from them that Francisco J. Madero, Jr., shall not make peace except with the explicit understanding that Diaz is to resign the presidency and allow the country to elect his successor. This fact was made public by junta members after the departure of the train to-day.

British Land Troops.
Washington, April 14.—A force of thirty men and a Maxim gun from the British man of war Spearhead were landed at San Quintin, Mexico, to protect that town against a threatened attack of insurgents. The revolutionary movement, however, did not materialize, and the Britishers and the foreign forces on Mexican soil in connection with the present revolution were reported to the State Department to-day in a telegram from American Consul Schumaker at Ensenada. The telegram did not state when the landing occurred.

When all danger to San Quintin from the insurgents had passed, the British water sailed for Ensenada, where she arrived to-day, and her commander advised the American consul of the action he had taken at San Quintin for the safety of the town. San Quintin is a port of lower California, about 125 miles south of Ensenada.

Hope for Recognition.
El Paso, Tex., April 14.—Early recognition as belligerents by the United States is the hope of Mexican insurrecto leaders, as indicated in a telegram sent by Francisco Gonzalez Garza, secretary of the provisional government, to-day to Dr. Vasquez Gomez, insurrecto representative in Washington. He further stated that the capture of Ojinaga and Juarez is now the objective of the Maderistas. Garza's telegram to Gomez officially reported the capture of Agua Prieta yesterday by the rebels and expressed the belief that they "would soon hold the ports of Olinda and Juarez and be in a strong position to ask recognition as belligerents by the United States."

Murders Being Prosecuted.
Washington, April 14.—The alleged murders of George W. Crichfield, the American consul at Tampico, and his wife, were reported to the State Department to-day. The body of the murdered American will be sent to the United States.

Miller also reported the men accused of the murder of William W. Foster, an American, who was killed some time ago in the vicinity of Tampico. Foster had been arrested and is being prosecuted.

CHINAMAN IS NOT ALLOWED TO ENTER
Wilmington Friends Plead With State Department for Laundryman.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Raleigh, N. C., April 14.—The State authorities here are being asked by friends in Wilmington to intercede with the Department of Labor and Commerce at Washington for a Chinese laundryman of Wilmington, who accumulated a considerable fortune in Wilmington, and who was killed in a fire which carried the body of a dead brother, and on his return to this country was refused the right to land, under the Chinese exclusion act, on account of some oath he signed to be allowed to return to his native land. The friends of the intercession of Wilmington friends, he was permitted to go to Wilmington until May 1, and now the effort is to completely remove the disabilities. He has quite a good deal of property there and also stock in banks and other enterprises.

The Raleigh municipal primaries take place Monday, and the contest is wading more strenuous daily, with conditions that make it next to impossible to forecast the outcome. It will be an Australian ballot affair, they apply to all parties. However, the Republicans are standing aloof and letting the Democrats fight it out among themselves, except for some Republicans who are registering to take a hand inside Democratic ranks.

Would Oust MacVeagh.
Washington, Pa., April 14.—William F. Chipman, Post No. 1120, G. A. R., adopted resolutions to-night calling upon President Taft to request the resignation of Secretary of the Treasury Franklin MacVeagh because of his speech at Philadelphia, in which it is charged he criticized the present pension system.

No More Corporal Punishment.
Lansing, Mich., April 14.—By a vote of 73 to 8 the House of Representatives to-day passed the Oge bill, prohibiting corporal punishment in the prisons of the State. The bill now goes to the Senate.

NEW PISTOL FOR ARMY

GOVERNMENT ADOPTS COLT AUTOMATIC

After years of searching investigation and rigidly imposed tests, the War Department has settled the question of automatic pistol superiority by adopting as the army standard the Colt automatic pistol, model No. 1911, manufactured by the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Company, of Hartford, Conn.

During these trials automatic pistols of the world's best makes have been one proved unequal to the trying ordeals and exacting requirements of the Ordnance experts until at the final crucial test only the Colt and one other prominent American make remained.

At the last test over 6,000 consecutive shots were fired from the Colt for endurance and the arm remained in perfect condition, maintaining its record for perfect scores and outranking its competitors in accuracy, rapidity of action and durability. It showed less shock from recoil, greater reliability and power, and as a consequence was chosen as the standard choice of the Ordnance Board. (See detailed report in "Army and Navy Journal," New York, April 14, 1911.)

The government has thus proved to its own satisfaction, and for the benefit of the world, that the Colt automatic pistol is the superior of all other makes, and the merits that carried this particular model through exacting tests that showed the necessities of other types, are those which have always made the old reliable "Colt" the proven standard of the firearms world.

ected with the State Department for more than twelve years, entering the service as Assistant Secretary of State, October 25, 1898. He was appointed Minister to Switzerland in 1902, and two years later transferred to Netherlands as United States Minister to that country. Since April 2, 1908, he has been ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary to Germany.

Comes As Surprise.
Berlin, April 14.—The resignation of Dr. David Jayne Hill as United States ambassador to Germany, the news of which became public to-day, caused utter surprise in both American and German circles. There had been no hint previously, except rumors called from the United States which were promptly denied, that Dr. Hill intended to relinquish his post.

Letters received recently from Dr. Hill, who is in the United States, said he had sailed for Europe early in May, but they did not mention that it was his purpose to resign.

'OLD HOMESTEAD'S' CREATOR IS DEAD
Denman Thompson, Famous Actor and Playwright, Dies at His Country Home.

West Swazey, N. H., April 14.—One of the oldest and best known actors in America, Denman Thompson, the man who made "The Old Homestead" famous, died at his country estate in West Swazey, N. H., to-day. Mr. Thompson had been ill of heart trouble and uremia since last month.

Henry Denman Thompson was born in his cabin in the hamlet of Beechwood, three miles from Girard, Pa., on October 15, 1832. Two years previous his father, Captain Rufus Thompson, had left West Swazey, which in later years this boy of the wilderness was to make a household word as the setting for "The Old Homestead." (Fourteen Denman returned to West Swazey, and for three years worked with his father as a carpenter. When seventeen, he set out for Boston in search of employment, and soon after joined Tyson's Circuit as a property boy and actor. The following winter he made his first stage appearance as a "sage" under Charlotte Cushman, who was playing Lady Macbeth at the Harvard Athenaeum. Two years later, in Lowell, he had his first speaking part, and following this he went about the country playing Irish and negro sketches.

When raveling, Thompson was taken ill with rheumatism, and as he lay in bed in Pittsburgh he thought out the sketch called "Joshua Whitcomb," which later developed into "The Old Homestead," and made him famous.

"The Old Homestead" was first produced, and it has had a continual run since that time.

Until a few years ago Mr. Thompson traveled constantly with the company, but as he grew older he was more and more heavily upon him he was obliged to give up all but the principal cities to an understudy, and finally to quit altogether. During the winter of 1910 he created a short sketch, modeled from a portion of the original "Joshua Whitcomb," which he played in yodelville for two months. This year the old fascination of the footlights returned, and early in the season he started out with his "Old Homestead" company, playing in New York, Philadelphia and Washington, and planning to close the season with the company in Boston, but falling health forced him to abandon the idea.

Dulaney Guilty of Embezzlement
Absconding Court Clerk Gets Five Years' Sentence and Fine of \$850.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Bristol, Va., April 14.—The jury which heard the case of Fox W. Dulaney, the absconding court clerk, who was charged with having embezzled funds of different kind entrusted to his care to the extent of \$20,000, this afternoon brought in a verdict of guilty in the Circuit Court at Jonesboro, Tenn., and fixed his punishment at five years in the penitentiary, imposing also a fine of \$850.

Counsel for Dulaney did not undertake to prove their client innocent, but sought to have him acquitted upon purely technical grounds. They will rely for an appeal to the Supreme Court of the State upon such grounds as the introduction of evidence introduced to the effect that after the prosecution had been started he made an agreement with the agent of a Baltimore insurance company to pay the embezzled funds of that company at the rate of \$1,000 a year, but this evidence Judge Wright excluded.

Following the news of his sentence, Dulaney went to Kingston, Jamaica, from which place he was extradited. The case was made more interesting because of Dulaney's high standing socially, and the fact that he was a prominent fraternity man.

Aviator Fatally Hurt.
Cherbourg, France, April 14.—Lieutenant Dyaason, of the navy, while making an aeroplane flight here to-day, fell with his machine and was mortally injured.

PRESENT METHOD

GOVERNMENT ADOPTS PRESENT METHOD

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Washington, April 14.—Congressman Morris Sheppard, of Texas, does not approve of the present method of having members of Congress made ordinary seed distributors, and he would take away to a large extent the right of a member's duty in a bill that he has just introduced.

For many years members of the lower House have been ridiculed and made the laughing stock of the country because of their activity in securing and sending out the seeds of the agricultural districts soda, bulbs, trees, vines, cuttings and other various descriptions. Mr. Sheppard would stop the promiscuous use of the Congressmen for this purpose.

In his bill he proposes to place of the present method of distributing seed and other such matter the following plan shall be adopted: That not more than \$25,000 shall be spent for this purpose in any one year, and that such seed, bulbs and plants shall be sent to actual experimenters only for experimental purposes. The Secretary of Agriculture shall cause a record of all persons to whom such matter shall be sent to be kept. It is also possible, co-operative with the experiment stations regarding the result of the experiments on the seed, bulbs, trees, vines, etc., sent to them.

If the bill becomes a law it will stop the promiscuous sending out of many tons of seed each year by the Congressmen. It will save the Post-Office Department not a small amount in gross matter carried annually and also the time of the mailmen to the various members, a large part of which is now spent in some cases in ascertaining and sending out many tons of seed. It is probable that the bill will meet opposition.

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JURY FAILS TO AGREE IN THE LESSER CASE
Norfolk, Va., April 14.—Failing to agree on a verdict to-day, after a session of two hours, the jury in the suit of Sheriff A. C. Cromwell against John R. Leaser, State Senator, for \$10,000 damages, the jury was discharged by Judge J. H. Martin of the Law and Chancery Court. It is understood the men stood six for Leaser and one for Cromwell, but this could not be definitely verified.

It is not believed the case will again come to trial. An arbitration has been suggested.

OBITUARY
Mrs. S. A. Williams.
Mrs. S. A. Williams died yesterday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. E. Mann, 1525 Floyd Avenue. She was sixty-four years old. She leaves three sons, a daughter, Mrs. J. H. Mann, of Richmond; A. Roger Strode, of Ashland, Ky.; John M. Strode, of and Mrs. Nellie D. Bradley, of Richmond.

The funeral will be held from the residence at 5 o'clock this afternoon. Interment will be in Riverview Cemetery.

R. T. Davis.
R. T. Davis died at 4 o'clock Thursday night at his residence, 800 South Meadow Street.

Funeral services will be held at 3 o'clock this afternoon from the residence. Services will be held at the Second Baptist Church at 3:30 o'clock. Interment will be in Riverview Cemetery.

Charles J. Appleby.
Wytheville, Va., April 14.—Charles J. Appleby died this morning at his residence on Union Street, aged seventy-four years. Several years ago Mr. Appleby was afflicted with a disease of the heart, and he had been in poor health for some time. He was a native of New York.

Funeral services will be held at 3 o'clock this afternoon from the residence. Services will be held at the Second Baptist Church at 3:30 o'clock. Interment will be in Riverview Cemetery.

Deaths
WILLIAMS.—Died, Friday morning, April 14, 1911, at 7:30, in her sixty-fourth year, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. A. E. Mann, 1525 Floyd Avenue. She was a native of New York. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. She was a devoted mother and a kind friend. She was a native of New York.

ARBUCKLE.—Died, on Thursday, April 13, 1911, at 4:30 o'clock, at his residence, 1212 East Seventh Street, New York, Saturday, April 15, 1911, at 10 o'clock. Interment at Woodlawn, private.

CHAMBERS' TRIBUTE TO JUDGE CHRISTIAN.
The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce was held April 12, 1911, at 4:30 o'clock, in the offices of the chamber in the Mutual Building.

The transaction of routine business Mr. O. Herbert Funsten called the attention of the board to the fact that April 13th was the birthday of Judge Christian, an old friend of the chamber, one of its oldest members in point of service, and one who had rendered valuable aid to the chamber by his wise counsel and earnest co-operation. Mr. Funsten then submitted the following:

"Resolved, That the board of directors of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, congratulate Judge George L. Christian on this his birthday, and appreciate very fully his long and faithful service to the chamber; his counsel so ably and willingly rendered in the past, and his interest in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the chamber, which for him have been a source of continued health and happiness."

"Resolved, further, That a copy of this resolution be sent to Judge Christian."

Mr. Tazewell M. Carrington, first vice-president of the chamber, cordially seconded the resolution, and spoke of his long acquaintance with Judge Christian and of his usefulness and fidelity to the chamber.

The question being put upon the resolution, it was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Judge Christian, who was present, responded with much feeling, saying that the action of the board in recognition of his birthday was as much of a surprise as gratification to him, that after coming to Richmond over fifty years ago, in his youth, he had always been a devoted citizen, and that while his efforts were often unsatisfactory to himself, he had none the best that he could, and that none of his work ever gave him more pleasure than that which he performed for the chamber.

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Isaac Levy, a Phoebe merchant, dropped dead in the Phoebe post-office at noon to-day. He was talking with his parents and three brothers relative to his condition, when he reeled and fell to the floor a corpse. Levy was thirty-five years old.

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